ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A map display apparatus and a map display method facilitate detection of relationship between the destination (current position) and the peripheral condition even when a detailed map is to be displayed on the narrow display area. The map display terminal displays a particular position, a current position, a destination, on a map by deriving the current position on the basis of a position information from 10 a satellite. The map display apparatus has first means for displaying a wide area map having smaller reduced scale than a detailed map and centered at said current position upon displaying said detailed map centered at said current position.